

Open House-Generated Ideas, Issues and Management Actions

- There is a need for more access points.
- The Willard Springs Trail is a great resource; there is a need for more self-guided and other (multi-use) trails.
- Install a walk-in gate at the BZ access parking lot.
- Don't build a visitor center; a visitor contact station is all that's needed.
- There is a need to look at prioritization of infrastructure expenditures.
- Before the FWS acquires any houses in the area there is a need to consider the housing needs of the area.
- School field trips, adult education classes and environmental education programs are needed. Consider a Bird-N-Breakfast event(s) (Malhuer NWR might be a model).
- The YCC program is wonderful for local kids.
- Clarify and ensure boating access and use, especially for hunting.
- Implement an elk permit draw, limited to primitive weapons.
- Perhaps the elk hunt should be an ADA-accessible-only hunt. If so, the FWS should consider allowing ATV access. There was a follow-up concern over ATV abuse if that were allowed.
- Would there be conflicts between elk hunters and hikers?
- What happened to all the ducks and geese? Is it possible to increase the food supply on the refuge in order to increase hunting opportunities?
- Maintain current waterfowl hunting opportunities. Don't implement any drawings or blind assignments.
- Get water on the refuge sooner to benefit waterfowl hunters.
- Agreements on water management need to be worked out.
- A greater law enforcement presence is needed, with a special emphasis during waterfowl and big game seasons.

- There were concerns over the proposed county road realignment route on Native American artifacts. Be sure to address cultural resource issues for all projects.
- Has there been sufficient outreach to former farmers? [There were no returning special use permit requests.] Why don't they want to hay?
- Should farming permits be for longer periods?
- Consider farming a larger area through co-op farming.
- Explore targeting grazing opportunities.
- Grazing is a concern for special status plants.
- Continue meadow enhancement.
- Hand pile slash.
- Leave a tree buffer along the roads to screen wildlife and control poaching.
- Actively manage upland forest stands for late seral conditions.
- Control bullfrogs.
- There is a need for a snake survey.
- More baseline biological information is needed, for example, on species numbers.
- It is important to monitor the impacts of management actions on species of concern. The FWS needs to look for partners and co-management opportunities.
- The Washington State wildlife inventory is a good source of information, and the FWS needs to utilize it and be part of its evolution.